

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

This communication is an Examiner's reasons for allowance in response to application filed on 06/09/2005, assigned serial 10/520,973 and titled "Protective Device for a Vehicle."

The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The applicant's arguments filed on 05/19/2008 have been fully considered. After carefully reconsidering the application and the applied prior art, the examiner has realized the application is patentably distinct from the prior art.

The prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1 is the reference of Ueda et al. which discloses an electronic system for activating a vehicle rider protection apparatus including a switch circuit (3) operated to switch from the position of acceleration sensor to the position of diagnostic circuit under the control of the processor (2). The system further includes logic AND gate (7) which takes logical product for the output of the OR gate (6) and the output of the analog signal processing circuit (5).

The examiner has reviewed Ueda et al. and realized Ueda et al. does not fairly teach a switch position is verifiable by a processor and by an additional module independently from one another as required in claim 11 of the current invention.

For that reason, the application is now set in a condition of allowance.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan C To whose telephone number is (571) 272-6985. The examiner can normally be reached on from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

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